GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1971
ANSWERED ON:03.08.2001
APPOINTMENT OF SCS/STS ON STATUTORY COMMODITY BOARDS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the action taken by his ministry on the representations submitted by the SC/ST Parliamentarians to the Prime Minister on December17,1996, September 1,1997 and July 23, 1998 demanding posting/appointment of adequate number of persons from SC and ST community as heads/CMD and Official/Non-Official Members of Board of Management/Governing Councils of various Public Sector Boards and undertakings under his ministry;

(b) the total number of posts in the rank of heads/CMD, Official/Non-Official Members of Board of Management/Governing Councils of all the Statutory Commodity Boards under the administrative control of his Ministry and the number of persons from SC/ST community working against such post as on January 1,2001 and their percentage as compared to the total posts; and

(c) the reasons for not fulfilling the demands of SC and ST Parliamentarians satisfactorily?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) : Department of Personnel & Training has intimated that the Memoranda submitted by the Parliamentary Forum for SCs and STs urged, the Government of India for taking comprehensive measures for development of persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes, inter-alia, requesting for posting of suitable persons belonging to the SC/STs for posts of importance like Governors, Ambassadors, Members of Planning Commission, Secretaries to the Govt. of India, Members of the UPSC, PESB Directors of PSUs etc.The policy as enunciated in the resolution No.27(21)EO/86(ACC) dated 3.3.1987 constituting the Public Enterprises Selection Board(PESB) (the bodywhich makes recommendation for appointment to board level posts in PSUs) is to appoint through a fair and objective selection procedure, outstanding professional managers to Level I (Chief Executives) and Level-II(Directors) posts and posts at any other level as may be decided by the Government from time to time.

(b) : Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Caste is not one of the criteria for selecting persons for appointments to the board level posts of PSUs. Therefore, information on the number of persons belonging to the SCs/STs among those appointed to board level posts in the PSUs falling under this Department is not maintained.